



Smithsonian Institution

Office of General Counsel

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: 67562-58822096@requests.muckrock.com

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Chelsea Dickens
MuckRock News

RE: Your Request for Smithsonian Records (request number 52677)

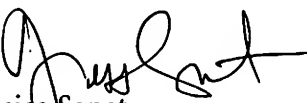
Dear Ms. Dickens:

This responds to your request for records pertaining to communications “regarding the sale of Sesame Street and all related franchise materials from the Public Broadcasting Service to Home Box Office Incorporated in partnership with The Jim Henson Company.” Your request was originally directed to the Smithsonian Institution Archives, which forwarded your request on April 17, 2019 to this Office for processing and direct response to you. The Smithsonian responds to requests for records in accordance with Smithsonian Directive 807 – Requests for Smithsonian Institution Information (SD 807) and applies a presumption of disclosure when processing such requests. The policy is posted on our website at <http://www.si.edu/OGC/Records-Requests>.

Please be advised that a records search was conducted, and no documents responsive to your request were located. The Smithsonian Institution Archives collects and holds materials related specifically to the history of the Smithsonian. The Smithsonian was not involved in the transaction between Sesame Workshop/Jim Henson Company and HBO, so SI Archives does not hold any related documentation. I would suggest contacting Sesame Workshop directly with your request.

This concludes the Smithsonian’s response to your request. Thank you for your interest in the Smithsonian.

Best Wishes,


Jessica Sanet
Assistant General Counsel

You have the right to appeal a partial or full denial of your request. Your appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Smithsonian Institution Office of General Counsel at the address below, and made within sixty days from the date of this response letter. Your letter must explain your reason(s) for the appeal. The Smithsonian Under Secretary for Finance and Administration will decide your appeal and will respond to you in writing. You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services, within the National Archives and Records Administration.